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1. This communication is responsive to <u>amendment filed 10/2/06</u> .		
2. X The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>5-14,20-27 and 29</u> .		
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Attachment(s)  1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date  4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material	5. ☐ Notice of Informal P 6. ☐ Interview Summary Paper No./Mail Dat 7. ☒ Examiner's Amendr 8. ☒ Examiner's Stateme 9. ☐ Other	(PTO-413),

## **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Claim 8-14, 27 and 29, directed to the method are no longer withdrawn from consideration because the claim(s) requires all the limitations of an allowable claim.

## DETAILED ACTION

#### Election/Restrictions

Claims 20-26 are directed to an allowable product. Pursuant to the procedures set forth in MPEP § 821.04(B), claims 8-14, 27 and 29, directed to the process of making or using an allowable product, previously withdrawn from consideration as a result of a restriction requirement, are hereby rejoined and fully examined for patentability under 37 CFR 1.104.

Because all claims previously withdrawn from consideration under 37 CFR 1.142 have been rejoined, the restriction requirement as set forth in the Office action mailed on 11/17/05 is hereby withdrawn. In view of the withdrawal of the restriction requirement as to the rejoined inventions, applicant(s) are advised that if any claim presented in a continuation or divisional application is anticipated by, or includes all the limitations of, a claim that is allowable in the present application, such claim may be subject to provisional statutory and/or nonstatutory double patenting rejections over the

claims of the instant application. Once the restriction requirement is withdrawn, the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 121 are no longer applicable. See *In re Ziegler*, 443 F.2d 1211, 1215, 170 USPQ 129, 131-32 (CCPA 1971). See also MPEP § 804.01.

## Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 8-14, 20-27 and 29 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

With regard to claim 20: This claim is allowable over the prior art of record because the latter, either alone or in combination, does not disclose nor render obvious an integrated linear array of injected molded light conductive pipes with pipes in the linear array are connected by integral alignment features projecting from elongated bodies of the molded pipes wherein the alignment features are shaped by cavity contours in elongate cavities in which the pipes are molded, in combination with the rest of the claimed limitations.

With regard to claims 8-14, 21-27 and 29: These claims are allowable over the prior art of record because they depend from an allowable claim.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ryan Lepisto whose telephone number is (571) 272-1946. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 7:30 AM - 5:30 PM.

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